PROVINCE OF LOWER CANADA,

MONTREAL, 18th *November*, 1822.

AT a Meeting of the General Committee appointed for the District of Montreal, for the purpose of preparing Petitions to His Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, against the Bill introduced in the last Session of Parliament, for effecting alterations in the existing Constitution of this Province:

PRESENT.

THE HONOURABLE L. J. PAPINEAU, CHAIRMAN.
..... CHARLES DE ST. OURS, M. L. C.
..... L. R. C. DE LERY, M. L. C.
..... P. D. DEBARTZCH, M. L. C.
..... CHARLES DE SALABERRY, C. B. and M. L. C.
MESSIEURS LOUIS GUY.
..... FRANCOIS DESRIVIERES.
..... D. B. VIGER, M. P. P.
..... J. BOUTHILLIER.
..... J. BEDARD.
..... J. R. ROLLAND.
..... A. CUVILLIER, M. P. P.
..... H. HENEY, M. P. P.
..... F. A. QUESNEL, M. P. P.
..... LOUIS BOURDAGES, M. P. P.
..... F. A. LAROQUE.
..... J. QUESNEL.
..... R. J. KIMBER.

RESOLVED:—*That in as much as the Imperial Parliament may assemble before that a Petition, expressive of the feelings and wishes of His Majesty's faithful Canadian subjects, relative to the proposed changes in the existing Constitution and form of the Government of this Province, as happily established by the statute of the* 31*st of His late Majesty, Chap.* 31*st, can be transmitted to and received in Great Britain, and these momentous changes may be brought under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, without His Majesty's said subjects having an opportunity of expressing their sentiments and humble prayer in the premises; it is expedient that the Right Honourable the Earl of* BATHURST, *His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, and the Right Honourable the Secretaries of State for the Home and Foreign Departments, be informed of the intention of a large majority of the Inhabitants of this Province to prepare and lay before His Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, with all possible diligence, Petitions against the proposed changes in the Constitution and form of the Government of this Province as by the aforesaid statute happily established; and that His Majesty's Ministers be humbly requested to postpone the consideration of the matter until such time as the said Petitions may be received.*

RESOLVED:—*That His Excellency the Earl of* DALHOUSIE *be humbly requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Resolution to His Majesty's Ministers in England, with his recommendation of the delay prayed for by the foregoing Resolution.*

RESOLVED:—*That the President of this Committee do communicate the foregoing Resolutions to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, through his Secretary.*

(Signed) L. J. PAPINEAU, *Chairman.*

A TRUE EXTRACT.

(Signed) J. VIGER, *Secretary.*

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

QUEBEC, *26th November*, 1822.

SIR,

I HAVE had the honour of receiving your letter of the 19th instant, inclosing the Resolutions of the Montreal General Committee appointed to prepare Petitions to His Majesty and the other branches of the Imperial Parliament, against the proposed Re-union of the Canadas, in which they request His Excellency to transmit to His Majesty's Government, and to recommend, the prayer of their address for a postponement of the consideration of that measure in the Imperial Parliament, until the Petitions of the inhabitants of this country against, can be prepared and forwarded. His Excellency's indisposition has prevented me form conveying to you an earlier answer on the subject; but I have now to acquaint you, for the information of the Committee, that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of transmitting their Resolution to His Majesty's Government, and will not fail to recommend the delay therein prayed for.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) ANDREW WM. COCHRAN, *Secretary.*

The Honourable L. J. PAPINEAU, *Esquire.*
MONTREAL.